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Community Invited to August 3rd Remembrance Ceremony

EL PASO, Texas—In commemoration of the August 3, 2019, mass shooting that claimed the lives of 23 friends, neighbors, and loved ones, the City of El Paso and the Border Network for Human Rights (BNHR) are co-hosting a Remembrance Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, August 3, 2025, at the August 3rd Memorial at Jim Crouch Park, 7500 W.H. Burges.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony that will include remarks from Mayor Renard Johnson, the Consulate General of Mexico in El Paso, and BNHR Executive Director Fernando Garcia.

As part of the ceremony, the names of the 23 victims will be read aloud, with a ceremonial bell tolling after each name and the release of doves after a moment of silence. In addition, BNHR will lead its annual Community Memorial Procession, featuring 23 monumental crosses representing each of the lives lost. This solemn march serves as a heartfelt tribute to the victims and a renewed call to action against violence and hatred. Community members will come together in solidarity to honor those we lost and reaffirm their commitment to justice and unity.

COMMUNITY TRIBUTES

In addition to the official ceremony, the City of El Paso, the County of El Paso, and other community partners will host several tributes in remembrance of August 3. Highlights include:

Unite with Light

July 28 – August 8

Community members are encouraged to light their porches or windows with **orange lights at 8:30 p.m.** each night in honor of the victims. The following landmarks will also be illuminated in orange during this time:

- Public Art Sculpture at I-10 and Airway
- I-10 Downtown Arches
- Public Art near the Abraham Chavez Theater
- El Paso International Airport landscaping, walking path, and terminal

Remembrance of August 3rd

July 29 – August 8

A tribute installation will be on display outside City Council Chambers, featuring photographs of the 23 lives lost on August 3, 2019.

Star on the Mountain

August 3 | 8:30 p.m.

The iconic Star on the Mountain will flash **23 times** in memory of the 23 victims.

August 3rd Day of Resilience Ceremony

August 3 | 6:30 to 9 p.m.

El Paso County and United Way of El Paso will host remembrance activities at the Healing Garden located at Ascarate Park, 6900 Delta Drive.

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August 3rd Blood Drive

August 5 | 10 to 1:30 p.m.

Vitalant and the City of El Paso will host a blood drive at City Hall, 300 N. Campbell.

A full list of August 3 tribute events can be found on the August 3 section at www.EPStrong.org.

ABOUT THE AUGUST 3RD MEMORIAL

The August 3rd Memorial is a granite installation created by El Paso artist Albert “Tino” Ortega, located near Viscount and Sunmount. The design includes seven pillars arranged in a circle, each inscribed with the names of the victims. The pillars rest on a mandala, a universal symbol of harmony, unity, and interconnection.

The surrounding landscape features Palo Verde trees and blooming vegetation, and 23 individual lights will shine to honor each of the lives lost.

Visitors are invited to walk through the installation, offering a moment of peace and reflection on themes of loss, resilience, and healing.

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